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INVENTION: **A COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE FOR TRANSMITTING
MESSAGE SIGNALS**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified International Application before
entry into the National stage before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
under 35 U.S.C. §371 as follows:

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In The Specification:

On page 1, cancel lines 1-4 and substitute therefor:

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TITLE

**A COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE FOR TRANSMITTING
MESSAGE SIGNALS**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates to a communications device for
transmitting message signals wherein arbitrary redundancy structures may
be created with relatively little outlay in terms of control technology and
circuitry.